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Philadelphia Apr 16

My dear Floride,

I have been looking for a letter ^{from you} for a long time I think it is over two months since I had one from you; but I hope you have not forgotten me I am sorry you have not been well I hope it was nothing very bad. I like school very much now; we have very nice girls my favourite of all is Mary Pittman I love her dearly; she is so sweet and quiet which I like. We expect to have a May party on the second of May; Mary Sanford is to be Queen she is from North Carolina and is a great friend of Sallies. We are not going to have a May dance like they had other years but it ^{is} will be very nice. Have you heard

that I have a little nephew he was
a week old yesterday; so now sister-
Lizzie has two children a boy and a
girl. How is your ^{my} little sister, I
would love to see her. How are your
cats I hope they are well; and your
poultry I hope some time I will
get to see you at your own home
but I don't know when; not long
till that time I hope but we don't
know. When do you expect to come
on to see me: come some time when
your father comes. Have you forgotten
what fun we used to have at the
river among those rocks, I was down
there the other day, Cape Peace, ~~and~~
tide rock, baby rock and all are
doing well but one of the high
rocks has been washed further
up on shore. I suppose I will have
some from there soon as Mary
Glen and Fanny are at our house
and Mary is fond of playing
at the river so it will be very

11 nice. Summer will soon be here
aint you glad I am, although
I like winter very much I had
a good many sleigh rides this winter
not very long ones but better than
none. Our Bantam chicken is setting
we raised two of her chickens last year.

Was not that a dreadful storm
last Saturday? but perhaps you
had none but it was dreadful
it blew the steeple right off
of Hook Church and did a great-
deal of harm in the city. Now I
will try and give you a little
lecture for not writing to me; I
hope you have not forgotten me
just think how long since you
wrote to me: be sure not to leave
it so long again for it is a great
pleasure to get letters from you.
I will stop now much give my love
to all; and excuse this last writing
and be sure to write soon to your
loving cousin. Mary Clemson

I suppose that you have
 forgotten to write to me so I
 take the liberty of reminding
 you of it. The son is Uncle
 William coming on. Give all
 my love. Kiss the baby for me
 and believe me

truly, a. v. v.

H. a. v.